HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 12292 of 2007

Dated 02.07.2007

Between:

P.Ravikumar Varma.

...Petitioner

and

The Govt.of A.P. and others.

...Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner was awarded the work of construction of a pylon at Godavari Bridge, Rajahmundry, on the eve of proposed inauguration of the said work. The work was estimated at Rs.1,80,000/- and the petitioner claims to have completed the same. However, the foundation stone laying ceremony did not take place. The petitioner made several representations to the respondents for payment of the said amount. This Writ Petition is filed, complaining that no action has been taken on his representations.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Roads and Buildings.

The Chief Engineer, Roads and Buildings Department, second respondent herein, addressed a letter, dated 22.10.2005, to the Secretary, Roads and Buildings Department, Government of A.P., first respondent herein, with a request to ratify and accord approval for the amount of Rs.1,80,000/- spent by the petitioner in construction of a pylon. The pylon is said to have been constructed but the inauguration programme did not take place. Ultimately, the Government accorded its administrative sanction, through proceedings, dated 13.12.2006. The second

respondent, in turn, addressed a letter to the Superintending Engineer, third respondent herein, to take further action.

Once it is evident that the petitioner had been entrusted the work of construction of a pylon and the administrative sanction therefor has been accorded by the competent authority, there is absolutely no justification for the third respondent in withholding the amount.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the third respondent to release the amount of Rs.1,80,000/- to the petitioner, within four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, in case, the work entrusted to him is completed as per the specifications. There shall be no order as to costs.

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02.07.2007

Note: Issue C.C. in three days.

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